September _____, 2011

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Dear Agnes:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville wish to fully endorse the application of Community Ministries of Rockville for a Community Development Block Grant from Montgomery County.

The Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic opened its doors in 2009 after years of providing health care and health care education to low income uninsured adults through the use of temporary facilities and medical vans. The community came together in the spirit of partnership and supported the efforts to create a permanent health care facility. That dream became a reality and the Clinic is now open in the heart of Rockville and provides quality health care and health care education to low income uninsured adult residents of Montgomery County.

During its first year of operation, the Clinic saw 1,008 patients and provided 1,948 patient visits. That number doubled this past year, with 1,857 patients being seen and 4,567 patient visits. The Clinic not only provides primary care but offers the services of three specialists: an Endocrinologist, an Orthopedist and a Podiatrist. Further, the Clinic is unique in that it houses the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) which provides emergency assistance to residents facing financial crisis. Because of this relationship, the Clinic offers the benefit of wrap around safety net services. The Clinic and Emergency Assistance Programs work closely together to provide comprehensive services to our residents.

These services are invaluable to our community. Recent statistics show that there are over 100,000 residents of Montgomery County who do not have access to health care. Of that total, 8,000 live in the Greater Rockville Community. The Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic is dedicated to meeting that need and providing access to quality care and the Clinic will continue to have our full support.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of Rockville